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AMA Watches Color TV From Deaconess 'Studio'

For the first time since the 1920's, the American Medical Association met in Boston this week and for the first time in its history, the New England Deaconess Hospital turned part of itself into a studio for closed-circuit, color television viewed by over 4,000 doctors.

The four-day AMA meeting, Tuesday through Friday, was the ninth clinical session of the organization. It was designed primarily as a service to the family doctor who is a non-specialist yet must be ready to deal with medical problems of every specialty. Dr.

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ANNUAL MEETING HEARS REPORTS; DR. WARREN SPEAKS ON GENEVA

The New England Deaconess Hospital cared for the largest number of patients in its history for a 12-month period from October 1, 1954, to September 30, 1955, it was reported by Executive Director Robert D. Lowry at the annual meeting of the Corporation in the Joslin Auditorium on Tuesday, November 15.

In his report to the Corporation, Mr. Lowry said 9335 patients received medical treatment or surgery here during the 12 months.

He added that the patients admitted by our medical staff now require more nursing care than ever before, because they are sicker. Our nursing load, he reported, has increased by between 15 and 20 percent in the last 18 months.

Charges Not High

"Although the Deaconess Hospital is one of the most highly specialized hospitals in the world and receives the most difficult and expensive cases," he added, "it is interesting to note that 12 other hospitals in this area have higher average daily charges. I believe this is the most accurate guide to the efficiency of our organization."

Election of officers and new members of the Corporation, a review of the Geneva conference on peace-time uses of atomic energy by Dr. Shields Warren and administrative stock-taking were highlights of the annual meeting.

Friends Earn $14,515

Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell, president of the Friends of the Deaconess, disclosed that the Friends contributed a total of $14,515 to hospital projects and needs through their many fund-raising projects during the 12 months.

All of our volunteers accounted for 16,460 hours of service to patients, visitors and departments of the hospitals.

Other highlights of the 12-month reports were:

The Arthur D. Dooley Chapel is scheduled for completion early in the spring. The first cement for the foundation was poured on Thursday, November 10.

3000 Persons Interviewed

Over 3000 persons interested in working at the Deaconess were interviewed by the personnel office during the 12 months.

The new printing room, part of the Purchasing Department, has resulted in an estimated 30 percent saving on the bulk of our printing.

Our laboratories performed over 230,000 procedures last year.

In the X-ray Department, diagnostic work has increased 16 percent and x-ray therapy treatments, 23 percent.

The School of Nursing had 281 applications for the 40 vacancies in last September's entering class.

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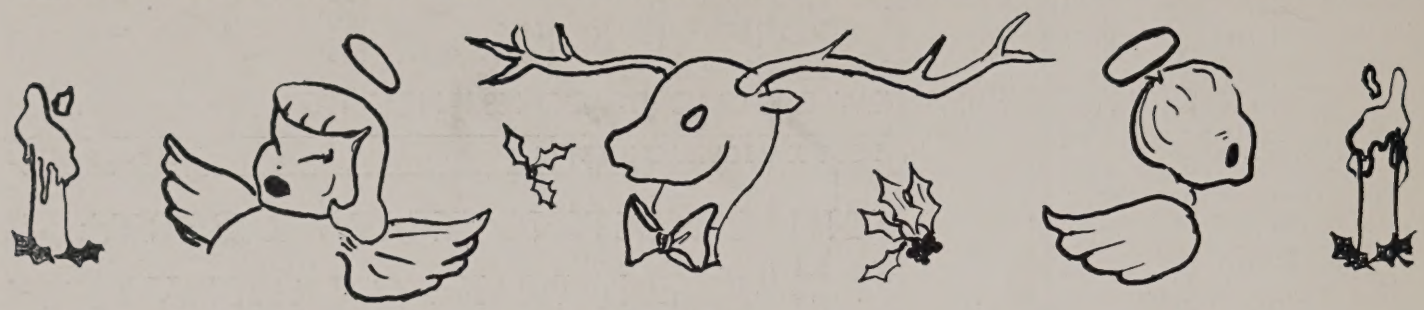
A NEW AND BETTER DAY FOR DIABETICS — Dr. Elliott P. Joslin lays the cornerstone for the Hospital Teaching Clinic at Joslin and Pilgrim roads on November 7. At left is Henry R. Shepley, the architect, and at right, John A. Volpe, president of the Volpe Construction Company. Data enclosed in the cornerstone includes statistics showing that diabetic children now live 10 times as long as formerly.



Come To The Bazaar! Lobby to be Scene of Benefit Christmas Sale

Leading off the Christmas season is the Friends of the Deaconess Annual Bazaar on December 7 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P. M. in the Central Lobby.

There will be something for everyone, man, woman or child — old or young. Get your Christmas presents now before the rush and know that the money you spend will go to something vital to us all — the nurses! And that your Christmas presents will be bargains.

Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb is chairman of the Bazaar and all of the members of the Board are putting their energies into making the Bazaar the most successful ever.

There will be many different tables to choose from. The Nurses' table will have miscellaneous articles, with Mrs. Klara Gove in charge. The alumnae nurses are running a grab and candy table. Mrs. Laura Cheney and Miss Phyllis Roberts will help you there.

The children's table will have a wide choice of reasonably priced toys — Mrs. Richard S. Paige, Mrs. Marcy Eager and Mrs. John Nichols will have some wonderful suggestions to offer.

Mrs. Henry W. Porter is in charge of the household table and Mrs. Charles Lamb, Miss Edith E. Wright and Mrs. George McClellan will run the Gift and Flower Shop as part of the Bazaar. The proceeds will go to the Bazaar on that day.

Mrs. Warren F. Cook and Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell are taking care of the Christmas decorations and Miss Vera Russell is doing all the gay posters around the hospital telling about the Bazaar.

Although it has not yet been decided just how the profits will be spent, remember that they will all go in one way or another to help the nurses and the School of Nursing. One of the most important needs is equipment for use in the teaching of student nurses. The school needs teaching bedside tables and chairs, a stretcher and wheelchair and many other items.

If you have contributions for the Bazaar tables, please contact Mrs. Margery Homer, Volunteer Office, or the Nursing Office, Palmer II.

Let's all help and get into the Christmas spirit by turning out on December 7.

December 22 Is Date For Christmas Party; Service Pin Awards Scheduled In February

"Christmas, Christmas, everywhere!"

Christmas, that very hectic but wonderful time of year for families, friends and the entire Christian world, will come to the Deaconess the week of December 12.

Committees, student nurses and the Maintenance Department are already getting ready for the holly, ivy and other decorations for the hospital. You will begin to see them during that week. Many other people are working on the annual Deaconess Hospital Christmas Party.

The party will be held this year on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, in the Joslin Auditorium and in Harris Hall. As in previous years, there will be three parties, 2, 3, and 4 P. M., to accommodate everyone in the hospital.

In a departure from previous years, however, service pin awards will NOT be made at Christmas time, it is announced by Robert D. Lowry, executive director. Because the service pin ceremonies are so important in themselves, they will be held sometime in February, with a special, separate party for those who qualify for the pins. The pins are awarded for five, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of service. Watch THE PULSE for further news of this big event.

Santa has been booked for the Christmas party, along with dramatic talent from the Deaconess itself. After a 40-minute entertainment and carol-singing program in the auditorium, the party moves to Harris Hall for refreshments and gift-giving by the hospital.

Don't forget the date, the time, and the place — Thursday, December 22 at at 2, 3 and 4 P. M., in Joslin Auditorium and Harris Hall.

We wish everyone a VERY merry Christmas — and a good time at the party.

ENLARGED HOSPITAL TEACHING CLINIC — Artist's sketch shows the addition of a third floor and ell to the Hospital Teaching Clinic for diabetics. The building will be the first in the world constructed solely for ambulatory diabetics in need of control and instruction in how to care for themselves

Red Feather report two days before drive closed:

EMPLOYEES	$1858
or 60 percent	
DOCTORS	1207
or 28 percent	
(November 21)	

MEDICAL PROGRAMS, SURGERY ARE TELEVISED ON FIFTH FLOOR

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Frank P. Foster was general chairman of the entire meeting.

The Smith, Kline and French pharmaceutical house was the sponsor of the TV programs. Operating Rooms nine, ten and eleven on the Fifth Floor of the Central Building were converted into studios. Fifteen medical demonstrations and six actual operations were televised.

A special generator set up in the fifth floor utility room supplied the power for the TV cameras.

Doctors from almost every hospital in Boston participated in the medical sessions, but the six operations were performed by members of the Deaconess staff.

While all this was going on, downstairs on the fourth floor, hundreds of visiting AMA physicians saw the daily operations of the hospital in person. Operations continued in these eight operating rooms as usual, except for the history-making number of visitors.

For the fourth floor open house, the TB unit was set up as a dressing room for the visiting physicians. Guides in the Central Lobby directed the doctors to avoid confusion.

Six Operations Performed

All visitors were taboo on the fifth floor, however. But miracles of modern technology made it possible for hundreds of doctors to view a single operation — on TV screens set up on the second floor of the Mechanics Building.

The six operations were:

Wednesday morning: Partial Gastrectomy for Peptic Ulcer, Dr. Samuel F. Marshall, and Amputation for Diabetic Gangrene, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick.

Thursday morning: Pulmonary Resection, Dr. Richard H. Overholt, and Cholecystectomy and Choledochostomy, Dr. Herbert D. Adams.

Friday morning: Abdominoperineal Resection for Carcinoma of the Rectum, Dr. Richard B. Cattell, and Carcinoma of the Stomach, Dr. Richard H. Sweet.

OR Nurses Participate

Included in the surgical dramas were Miss Marilyn McTeague and Mrs. Martha Faulkner. They were the nurses for all six televised operations. The orderly was Clifford Millsaps.

Miss Ruth Pendleton, head of surgery, describes the preparations for the television this way:

"We dyed a dozen sheets green to be used in the studio. We also dyed narrow stockinette green to put over retractors so they wouldn't reflect the light.

"Operating room 11 was stripped bare for the introductions and discussions and for presentation of patients. Both nine and 10 ORs were used for the operations.

"The only thing we had to make sure of was that we had a duplicate of everything on hand so we wouldn't hold up the program."

FIRST CEMENT POURED — Photo shows activity at the construction site of the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel on November 10, when the first cement for the foundation was poured by Scott McNeily and Son, contractors.

Dr Marble TV Chairman

Dr. Alexander Marble was chairman of the AMA's subcommittee on television. Working with him on the committee were Dr. Kenneth W. Warren and Dr. C. Cabell Bailey.

The participation of the staff in the general AMA clinical session was too extensive to elaborate. However, it should be mentioned that when the general meeting was opened on Tuesday morning, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin was one of the two keynote speakers. He shared the honor with Dr. Elmer Hess, president of the AMA, with Dr. Foster presiding.

Happy Holiday

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Friends Vote $5000 To Deaconess Needs

At the Friends of the Deaconess board meeting on Tuesday, November 15, it was voted to give $5,000 to the hospital to be allocated as follows:

Two thousand dollars to the 2,000,000-volt x-ray machine fund.

Two thousand dollars to the Chapel Site Fund.

One thousand dollars to the Special Nurses' Fund. This money will be used to pay for private nurses for patients who need such individual care but who cannot afford it.

The Board also voted to give $50 for decorating patient trays on Christmas.

1945 Juniors Hold 10th Reunion Here

Nine members of the class of 1945 Juniors of the School of Nursing came back to the Deaconess for their 10th reunion on November 10.

After an organizational meeting in the conference room, the members of the class were escorted on a tour of the Central Building by William E. Worcester, assistant director. Then came dinner in the cafeteria and a talk on changes at the Deaconess in the last 10 years by Robert D. Lowry, executive director.

Mrs. Muriel Raynor Bayne, Shock Therapy nurse, was elected chairman of the group. Others attending were: Mrs. Virginia Cole Mitchell, Mrs. Geneva Smith Palmer, Mrs. Dorothea Pixler Peters, Mrs. Nadine Millikin Phillips, Mrs. Janice Marshall Cleveland, Mrs. Evelyn Kurchbaum Downing, Mrs. Gloria Lippman Cutler and Miss C. Margaret Wood.

NEW OFFICERS of the hospital are shown in the auditorium with Dr. Shields Warren. Left to right: Lester C. Peabody, new vice-president of the Corporation; Glenwood J. Sherrard, elected to the executive committee of the trustees; Dr. Warren, and George I. Rohrbough, new trustee (Globe Photo courtesy Dan Goshtigian)

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The Laundry Department handled two million pounds of laundry at a cost of under four cents a pound — one of the best records of any hospital in the country.

Peabody, Sherrard Elected

All officers of the hospital were re-elected. They are Bishop John Wesley Lord, president; Howard D. Brewer, vice-president; Francis W. Capper, treasurer, and Vincent P. Clarke, clerk.

Lester C. Peabody, chairman of the Building Committee, was named to a new vice-presidency. Glenwood J. Sherrard was elected to the Executive Committee of the trustees.

Twenty new members of the corporation and one new trustee were also elected. The new trustee is George I. Rohrbough.

In his report on the Geneva "Atoms for Peace" conference, Dr. Warren said that although we now clearly have the world lead in peace-time uses of atomic energy, we have no reason for complacency.

Must Cherish Freedom

Our freedom to do a good job and a sound job, in contrast to the regimentation in the Soviet world, is our biggest advantage, and must be cherished, Dr. Warren pointed out. But Russian youth study harder, and at more serious subjects, and when they are graduated from college, they have a far bigger financial incentive for a scientific career, he added.

Dr. Warren specifically mentioned the use of radio-active cobalt in cancer treatment as an area in which we have already been outdistanced by the Russians. Whereas there will be 15 centers for such treatment in the United States by the end of next year, there were 150 in Russia in 1949 — none of them as good as ours, however.

Russia Rated Second

He rated Russia as second in the peace-time uses of atomic power — in medicine, power and agriculture; the United Kingdom, third; Canada fourth, "and then a long gap."

The 20 new Corporation members are: Chester A. Higley, Samuel F. Clapp, Thacher Fisk, William J. Bird, Elliott Henderson, Herman T. Gammons, Andrew James Lord, Jr., Charles H. Hilliard and Newton S. Baker.

The Reverends John T. Golding, Ray H. Cowen, Harold H. Cramer, James B. Doty, D. Joseph Imler, Lemuel K. Lord, James R. Uhlinger, H. Hughes Wagner, Wilbur C. Ziegler, Leslie H. Johnson and Ira Roberts.

Glee Club Concert December 14 and 15

The Glee Club of the School of Nursing will present its annual concert of Christmas music in the Joslin Auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, at 8:00 P. M.

A cordial invitation to the concert is extended to everyone in the hospital.

However, admission will be by ticket only, even though the tickets are free. If you would like to go, contact Miss Vera Russell, school recreation director, for a ticket.

FOREIGN SPECIALISTS VIEW X-RAY, ATOMIC MEDICINE WORK HERE

Isotopes, X-Ray Machine, Research Projects Viewed

The New England Deaconess Hospital was host last month to a group of 14 leading doctors from 13 foreign countries who toured Boston hospitals and research centers for a preview of developments in atomic medicine.

The atomic medicine specialists were the guests of Dr. Shields Warren, director of the Cancer Research Institute of the Deaconess, during a week's stay here. The group was second to visit Boston under the "Atoms for Peace" program of the U. S. State Department, in cooperation with the American Council on Education and the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. John Tullis served as host during the Deaconess tour.

The medical program prepared for the group centered around the use of isotopes, reactors and other atomic devices and techniques in medicine, with emphasis on their application to research in and treatment of cancer.

At the Deaconess, the doctors viewed the isotope distributing laboratory, where radioactive isotopes for cancer treatment and research are stored; the 2,000,000-volt, deep therapy x-ray machine; the ultraviolet color translation microscope and research on radiation damage to the nervous system.

The doctors also visited the Lahey Clinic and heard a series of lectures on pioneer medical work.

The program for the week included visits to the Children's Medical Center, New England Medical Center and the medical schools of Harvard University and Boston University.

FOREIGN SPECIALISTS hear explanation of how radio-active gold is injected into patients for treatment of certain cancers during visit to the isotope laboratory at the Cancer Research Institute. Left to right: Dr. David L. Joftes, Deaconess radiobiologist; Dr. Albert Viau of Guatemala; Dr. P. R. Mohan of Rangoon and Dr. Jean Canivet of France.

Weddings

Mary Byrnes, previously a floor clerk on surgery, to Dean Zeilon on September 10. Mr. Zelion is an engineer. The couple have gone to California.

Ann L. Kiddy, class of '54, to George W. King, at the Westerly Central Baptist Church in Connecticut on October 15. They will live in Boston.

Margo LeMieux, who works in the Pathology Laboratory, to Cleon Pannepacker at St. Ann's Church, Boston on October 29.

Evelyn MacKenzie, class of '50 to 2d Lt. James Joseph Fitzpatrick on October 29 in the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is nursing supervisor on Deaconess IV.

JoAnn F. Thwaites, class of '55, to William A. Raitt, Jr. on October 15. Mr. Thwaites is working with a local tile company.

PLEA TO GREMLINS

Every month the Public Relations Department receives magazines of all kinds, for all interests, and they are distributed to the lobbies to help anxious families, waiting patients and visitors while away difficult moments.

And every month, soon after they have been distributed, these magazines disappear. There are gremlins around this hospital and they do not realize the implications of what they are doing.

If you are guilty of "borrowing" magazines that are paid for by the hospital and purchased for an important purpose, blush! And — PLEASE mend your ways, because it hurts our public relations greatly to have empty tables in our lobbies.

Have you ever had to wait in a doctor's office — without any reading matter handy?

Thank you very much!

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Engagements

Dr. Sally Wells Edwards to Leland Stanford Hager of Wakefield. Dr. Edwards is a Research Fellow at the Cancer Research Institute. Mr. Hager is a staff member of Lincoln Laboratory of M.I.T.

Dr. Horrax Is Honored By Temple University

Late but proudly we report that Dr. Gilbert Horrax was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the commencement of Temple University in June.

Dr. Horrax, who organized the Neurosurgical Department of the Lahey Clinic, was honored for his enrichment of the medical world during 40 years of practice. The degree citation especially mentioned his work on brain tumors and the treatment of tic douloureux.

Dr. Horrax' son, Dr. Trudeau M. Horrax, is an instructor in urology at Temple.

Alice Hastings to Richard Rogers. Miss Hastings worked at one time for the Messenger Service. She is now at Bennington College. Mr. Rogers is studying to become a doctor.

Barbara Janetos to John R. Stanley. Miss Janetos is a therapeutic dietitian. No date has been set for the wedding.

Phyllis Libby, class of '57, to Polibio Gentile. Miss Libby is at present affiliated with the Children's Medical Center.

Patricia Ann Minott, class of '57, to William F. Curless. Mr. Curless is studying mechanical engineering.

Carol Ann Sveistys, class of '57, to Pfc. Robert G. Sprague. Pfc. Sprague expects to leave shortly for overseas duties in the Far East.

ABOUT THE DEACONESS

MRS. RUTH BROWN, formerly of the Coffee Shop, is now busy admitting patients instead of making big "BLT's".

MISS EFFIE MAY WINGER, chief dietitian, and the dietary staff were hostesses to 170 dietitians from all over the state at a meeting of the Massachusetts Dietetic Association in the Joslin Auditorium on November 8.

DR. WILLIAM A. MEISSNER presided at an all-day seminar on "Tumors of the Neck" at the Chicago meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists on October 14.

Two more graduate nurses have joined the Nursing Department under the sponsorship of the International Council of Nurses. They are MISS KAREN PEDERSEN and MISS KARIN SJOQUIST, both from Denmark.

MRS. MARGARET HOLMES, health coordinator, is wearing a pin she received from the Army at Fort Devens for service in the Volunteer service Corps. She was volunteer nurse, chaperone and singer with the Simmons College Glee Club when it entertained at Army installations in New York and New Jersey.

"Book Service to Patients" was the subject of a talk by our librarian, MRS. BERYL PAINE, at a training meeting for Gray Ladies at Red Cross headquarters on November 7.

MILTON NELSON, Deaconess credit manager, is new president of the Hospital Credit Association of New England. He was host to the association here on November 10. The group heard a talk on "Installment Buying and Loans and Their Effect on the Patient in Paying His Hospital Bill." The speaker was Harold Price of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

DR. WARREN F. COOK, executive consultant, and MRS. HEATHER STYKOLT and MISS ELLEN ADAMS of the Personnel Department were speakers at the Seventh New England Institute for Hospital Administrators at the Somerset Hotel November 14 to 18. Dr. Cook spoke on "Spiritual Therapy." Personnel problems and our training program were the subjects of the addresses by Miss Adams and Mrs. Stykolt.

Eighteen hospital administrators from other parts of the country made a field trip to the Deaconess as part of the Institute.

DR. SAMUEL P. HICKS was guest speaker at a meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency held at the Exeter State School in Rhode Island.

Two Brookline High School students are weekly observers in the Dietary Department. This is a result of a talk by Miss Winger on "Dietetics As A Profession" to students and vocational guidance counsellors at the high school on October 25. The students here now are ANN RICH and HELEN COOPER.

Bowling Scores

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Team No.		*Points*
7	Mr. Lowry	33
3	Mr. Sabine	31
4	Mr. Emery	23
5	Mr. Osgood	23
1	Miss Pond	21
11	Mr. Mondello	20
6	Mr. Fisher	19
2	Mr. Nelson	16
10	Mr. Millsaps	14
12	Mr. Adams	14
8	Mr. Spalding	14
9	Mr. Bettinelli	12

High Singles for November 17

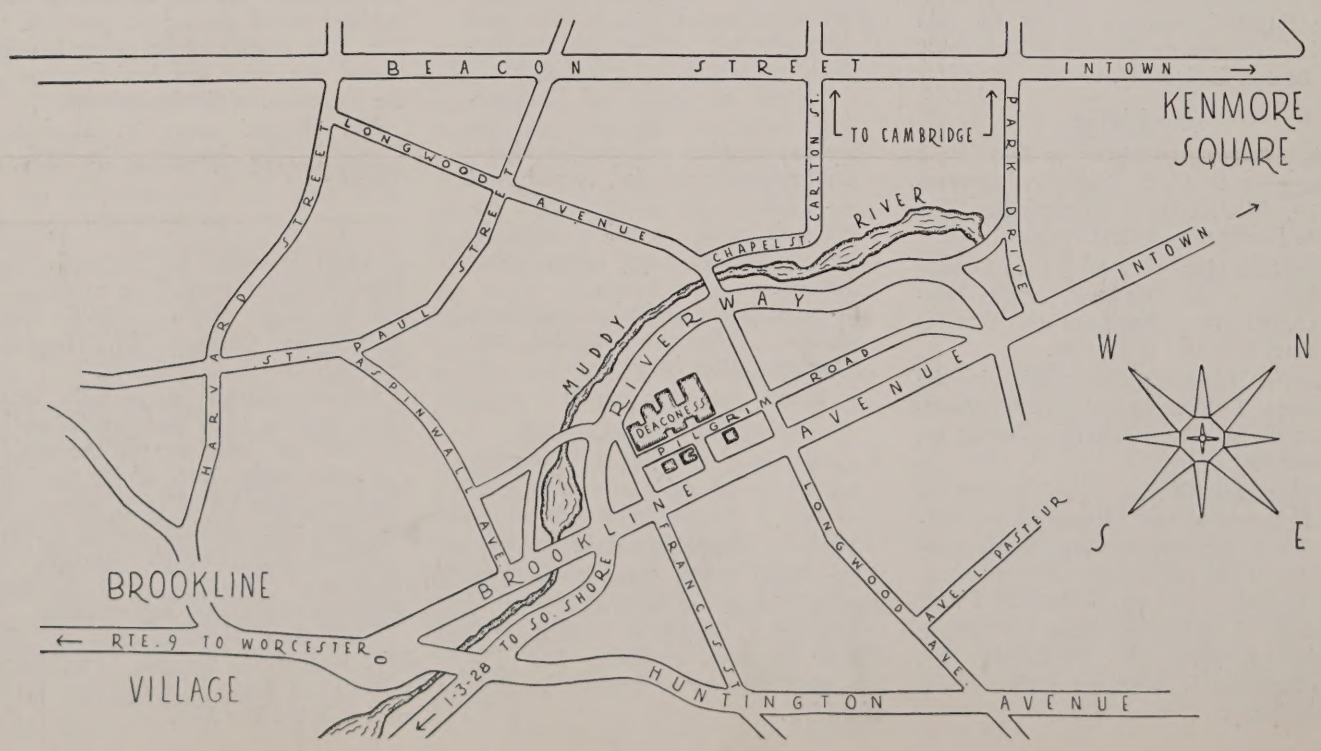
Gail Kelly	92
Hugh McFarland	108

High Singles for the Year

Rita Greto	115
Hugh McFarland	130

High Three-String Total for the Year

Mary MacRitchie	286
Don Lowry	313

High Average for the Year

Marjorie Pond	83
Don Lowry	93
Charles Schraub	93